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THEIR EARS POP.

A SECOND AGO, ARCTIC WINDS WHISTLED THROUGH THEIR CLOTHES. NOW THE OPPRESSIVE HEAT OF SUB-SEA-FLOOR LEMURIA CLAMPS DOWN ON THEM LIKE A SWEATY HAND.

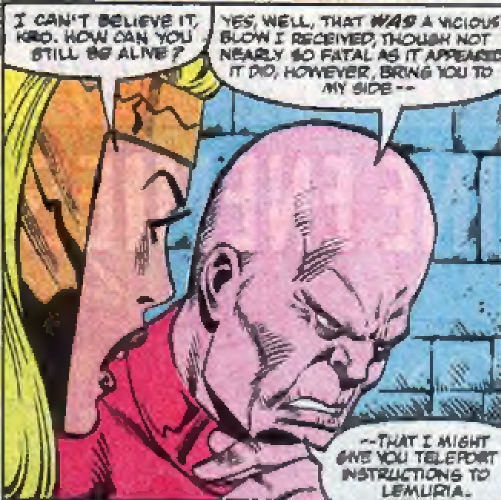
A SECOND AGO THEY WERE THENA AND KRO, THE RULERS OF TWO OF THE THREE BRANCHES OF MAN ON EARTH: THE ETERNALS AND THE DEVIANTS.

MUCH HAS CHANGED. NOW THEY ARE FUGITIVES IN THIS CITY OF THE DEVIANTS. THEY HAVE TELEPORTED HERE FROM AN ARCTIC PLACE CALLED THE PYRAMID OF THE WINDS WHERE DEVIANTS BATTLED ETERNALS FOR POSSESSION OF A VERY SPECIAL VIAL.

WHEN IT APPEARED AS IF KRO WOULD DIE FROM AN UNEXPECTED ATTACK, THENA, THE PRIME ETERNAL, MOVED SWIFTLY AND TELEPORTED THEM AWAY AS PER KRO'S WHISPERED REQUEST.

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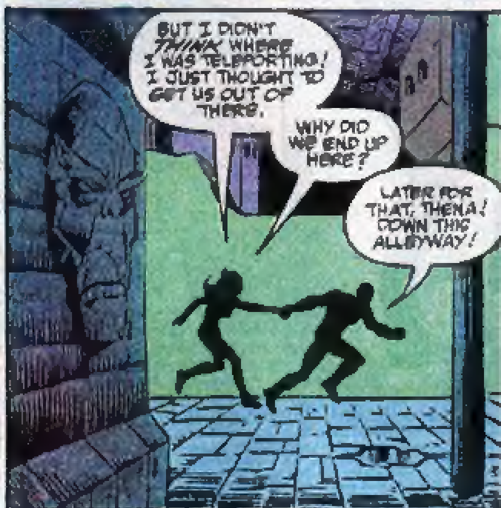
I CAN'T BELIEVE IT, KRO. HOW CAN YOU STILL BE ALIVE?
YES, WELL, THAT WAS A VICIOUS BLOW I RECEIVED, THOUGH NOT NEARLY SO FATAL AS IT APPEARED. IT DID, HOWEVER, BRING YOU TO MY SIDE--
--THAT I MIGHT GIVE YOU TELEPORT INSTRUCTIONS TO LEMURIA.



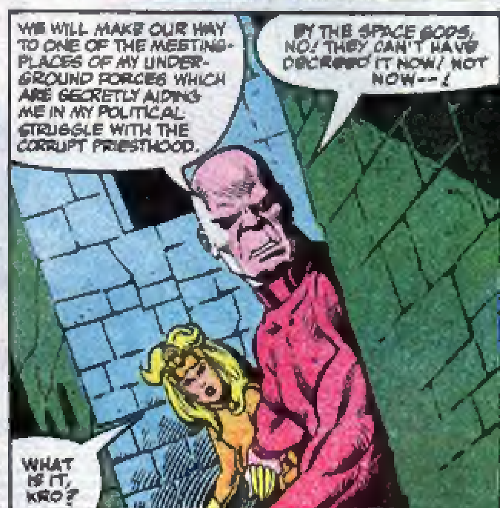
YOU--YOU STAGED THAT! YOU PLAYED ON MY FEELINGS FOR YOU--YOU MANIPULATING, UNDER-HANDED, SCUMMY LITTLE DEVIANT!!
I DIDN'T KNOW YOU CARED, YOUR MAJESTY--



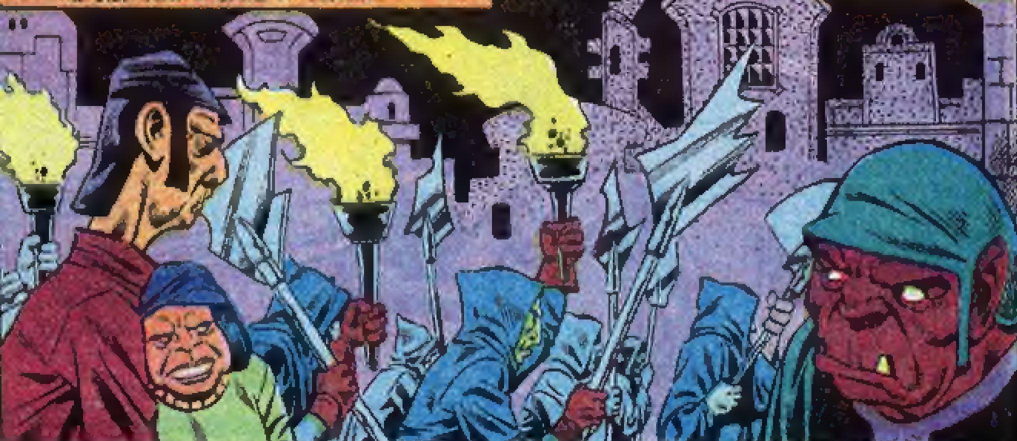
--BUT WE'VE GOT TO GET TO SHELTER RIGHT AWAY. YOU'VE BETRAYED YOUR FELLOW ETERNALS RIGHT BEFORE THEIR EYES--WHILE MY ENEMIES WILL VERY LIKELY BRAND ME A TRAITOR NOW THAT I'VE LEFT THE SCENE OF A BATTLE IN THE ARMS OF THENA, RULER OF EARTH'S ETERNALS.*
LUCKILY, YOU MANAGED TO TRANSPORT US TO A QUARTER OF MY HOMELAND OF LEMURIA THAT I KNOW QUITE WELL! COME ALONG!
* FOR DETAILS SEE LAST ISSUE --MAC-KARRI.



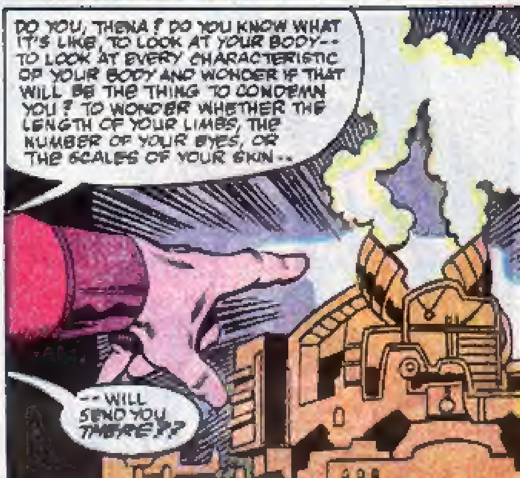
BUT I DIDN'T THINK WHERE I WAS TELEPORTING! I JUST THOUGHT TO GET US OUT OF THERE.
WHY DID WE END UP HERE?
LATER FOR THAT, THENA! DOWN THIS ALLEYWAY!



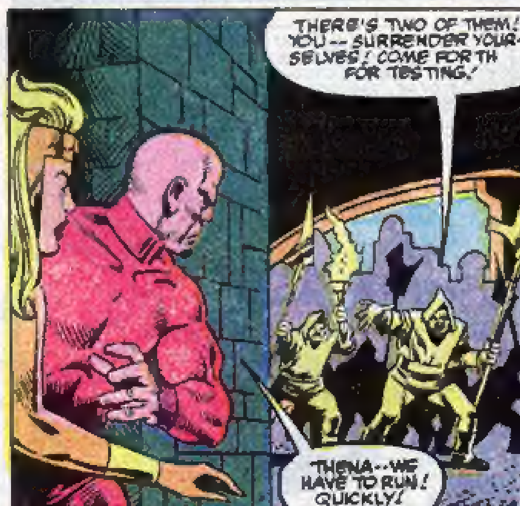
WE WILL MAKE OUR WAY TO ONE OF THE MEETING-PLACES OF MY UNDER-GROUND FORCES WHICH ARE SECRETLY AIDING ME IN MY POLITICAL STRUGGLE WITH THE CORRUPT PRIESTHOOD.
BY THE SPACE GODS, NO! THEY CAN'T HAVE DECREED IT NOW! NOT NOW--!
WHAT IS IT, KRO?


"THE PRIEST'S BAILIFFS ARE IN THE STREETS! THE TRYING FIRES ARE CARRIED ALOFT--AND THE AIR IS SICK WITH DREAMS OF DEATH."
"ONCE AGAIN IT IS PURITY TIME!"


THEY WILL BE ROUNDING UP THOSE DECLARED TO HAVE STRAYED TO FAR INTO GENETIC MONSTROSITY--ROUNDING THEM UP TO BE--DISPOSED OF.
I'VE BEEN HERE BEFORE, KRO, REMEMBER? I KNOW ALL ABOUT PURITY TIME.

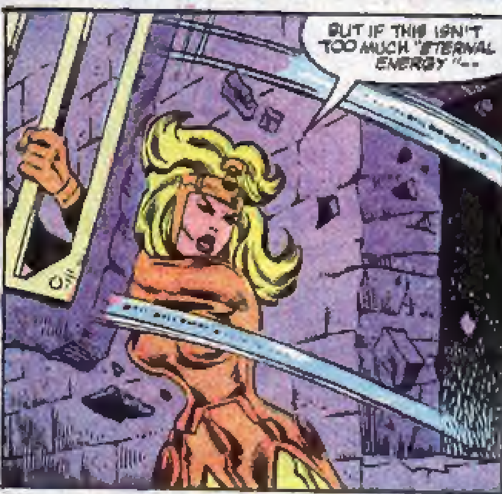

DO YOU, THENA? DO YOU KNOW WHAT IT'S LIKE, TO LOOK AT YOUR BODY--TO LOOK AT EVERY CHARACTERISTIC OF YOUR BODY AND WONDER IF THAT WILL BE THE THING TO CONDEMN YOU? TO WONDER WHETHER THE LENGTH OF YOUR LIMBS, THE NUMBER OF YOUR EYES, OR THE SCALES OF YOUR SKIN--
--WILL SEND YOU THERE?!


BUT THE PRIESTS FORMERLY ONLY DECREED PURITY TIME WHEN THERE WAS A PUBLIC DEMAND TO ROOT OUT THE PROLIFERATING MUTATIONS! IT HAS NEVER BEEN USED AS AN INSTRUMENT OF OPPRESSION!
NEVER--UNTIL NOW!


THERE'S TWO OF THEM! YOU--SURRENDER YOURSELVES! COME FORTH FOR TESTING!
THENA--WE HAVE TO RUN! QUICKLY!

COME BACK HERE! THERE'S NO USE RUNNING-- NOT FROM PURITY TIME!
KRO, THIS IS IDIOCY!
SHUT UP AND RUN!
I'M AN ETERNAL, KRO! THE *CHIEF* ETERNAL! I COULD ERASE THEM WITH A SINGLE THOUGHT!
DO THAT, O DAUGHTER OF ZURAS--
--AND THE PRIESTLORD GHAUR WILL KNOW THAT WE TWO ARE IN LEMURIA! AS LONG AS THE BAILIFFS DON'T RECOGNIZE US, AND THINK WE'RE TWO SCARED RENEGADES, WE'RE REASONABLY SAFE!
GHAUR? WHO IS THIS 'GHAUR'?
I KEEP FORGETTING YOU ETERNALS HAVE LITTLE INTEREST IN OUR CULTURE, MY LADY. GHAUR IS OUR HIGH PRIEST-- AND FOR US, THE MOST DANGEROUS BEING ON THE PLANET!
TRUST ME FOR NOW, THENA-- NO DISPLAYS OF ETERNAL ENERGY IF YOU CAN HELP IT... LIKE TELEPORTING. GHAUR'S MACHINES WILL REGISTER AND PINPOINT IT.
THERE! BEHIND THAT GRATING IS ONE OF OUR WARRENS! QUICKLY NOW!

THEY'RE--ALMOST UPON US, THENA! OPEN THE GRATING!
IT'S NOT MEANT TO BE OPENED, KRO!

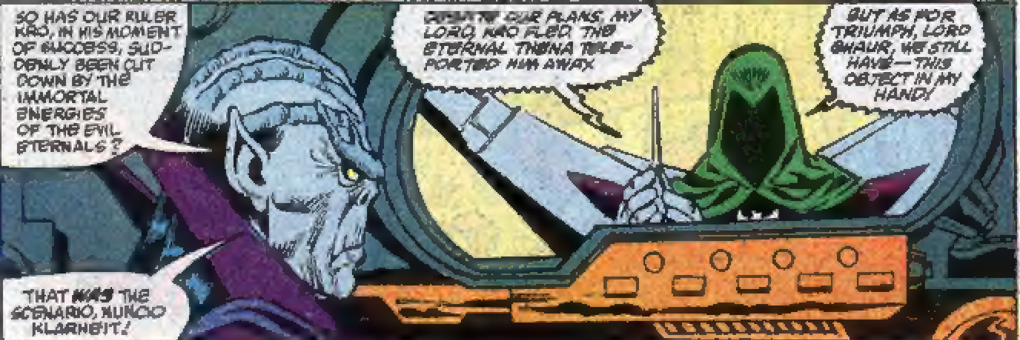




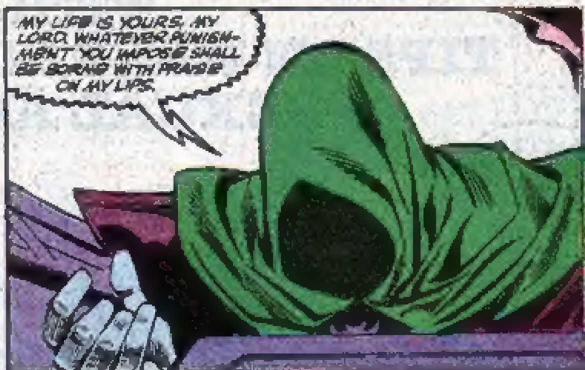




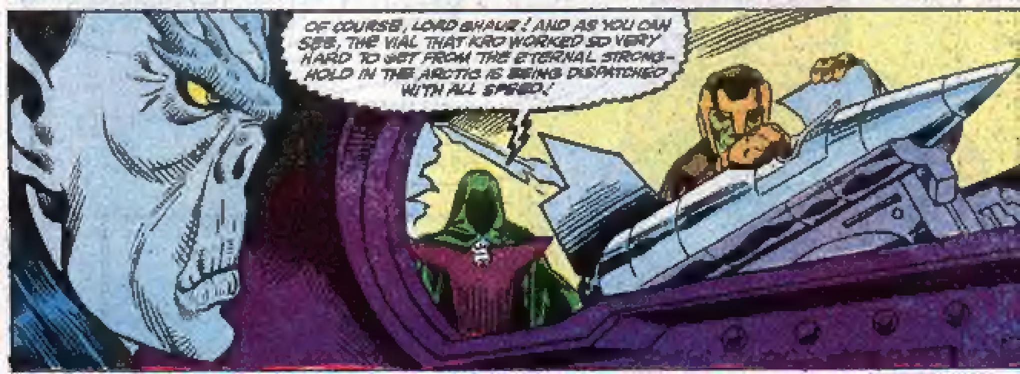

AND ELSEWHERE IN THE DEVIANT CITY...
WELL, NUNCIO KLARHEIT? I AWAIT YOUR REPORT.
AND YOU SHALL HAVE IT MY LORD GHAUR!


SO HAS OUR RULER KRO, IN HIS MOMENT OF SUCCESS, SUDDENLY BEEN CUT DOWN BY THE IMMORTAL ENERGIES OF THE EVIL ETERNALS?
THAT WAS THE SCENARIO, NUNCIO KLARHEIT!
DESPITE OUR PLANS, MY LORD, KRO FLED. THE ETERNAL THENA TELE-PORTED HIM AWAY.
BUT AS FOR TRIUMPH, LORD GHAUR, WE STILL HAVE—THIS OBJECT IN MY HAND!


VERY GOOD. TO THAT POINT, YOU HAVE DONE WELL.
BUT KRO WAS TO HAVE BEEN MADE A MARTYR TO OUR GREAT FICTITIOUS CAUSE. I EXPECT A FULL REPORT, NUNCIO KLARHEIT.


MY LIFE IS YOURS, MY LORD. WHATEVER PUNISH-MENT YOU IMPOSE SHALL BE BORNE WITH PRAISE ON MY LIPS.


TO ORDER YOU TO BE AS CLEVER AS KRO, KLARHEIT, WOULD MAKE AS MUCH SENSE AS TO ORDER A STONE TO SPEAK.
A REPORT IS WHAT IS REQUIRED. A FULL REPORT.


OF COURSE, LORD GHAUR! AND AS YOU CAN SEE, THE VIAL THAT KRO WORKED SO VERY HARD TO GET FROM THE ETERNAL STRONG-HOLD IN THE ARCTIC IS BEING DISPATCHED WITH ALL SPEED!

THE PACKET ROCKET WILL REACH LEMURIA WITHIN THE HOUR!

I HAVE SEEN. GO IN PEACE, KLAR-HEIT, CHILD OF THE GODS.

SO THAT PECULIAR BOND WHICH HAS EXISTED FOR CENTURIES, BETWEEN THE RULER OF EARTH'S ETERNALS AND THE *EX*-RULER OF EARTH'S DEVIANTS SURFACES AGAIN!

A FORMIDABLE PAIR.

WE ARE NOT YET SO SECURE IN OUR PLANS THAT WE CAN IGNORE THEM. WITH KRO BESIDE THENA, THE ONLY THING THAT PRESERVES US FROM THE ETERNALS' IMMORTAL POWER--THEIR UNBOUNDED *NAIVETE*--MAY BE NEUTRALIZED. THEY SHALL BE HUNTED DOWN AND DESTROYED!

STILL, THENA'S LOVESICK BETRAYAL OF HER FELLOW ETERNALS FOR KRO SHOULD MAKE IKARIS AND HIS FRIENDS *ALLIES* IN THE HUNT! THERE'S SOMETHING TO BE SAVORED IN THAT.

BUT MOST OF ALL THEY SHALL BE OCCUPIED WHILE THAT VIAL IS PUT INTO OUR HANDS! AND WITH THAT VIAL, THE OPPRESSION OF THE AGES SHALL END-- AND EVEN THE SPACE GODS THEMSELVES WILL TREMBLE!

WE PROGRESS, MY FRIEND, DO WE NOT? DO WE NOT MOVE FORWARD?

AND FROM THE CRYSTAL KEY THERE COMES A HISSING, ALMOST AS IF THE GHOST OF A THROAT WERE PIPING "YESSSSSSSSSSSSSSSS"

AND, FLYING AWAY FROM THE POLAR REGIONS, ABOARD THE ATTACK SHIP OF THE ETERNALS...

THERE *MUST* BE MORE TO THIS THAN MEETS THE EYE.

THENA MUST HAVE A PLAN OF SOME SORT, KINGO! SHE *WOULDN'T* BETRAY US!

ANYBODY WILL BETRAY *ANYTHING*, ETERNAL! THAT'S THE WAY IT IS!

SHE'S SWITCHED SIDES AND YOU'RE JUST TOO WEAK-KNEED TO ADMIT IT!

YOU WILL BE QUIET, REJECT, UNLESS I TELL YOU TO SPEAK.

YOU ARE SEEKING TO CONVINCE YOURSELF, MAKKARI-- AND YOU ARE NOT SUCCEEDING.

I KNOW, KINGO. BUT-- WE'RE IMMORTALS! I'VE KNOWN THENA FOR *THOUSANDS* OF *YEARS!*

HOW COULD SHE HAVE DONE THIS? HOW COULD SHE BECOME A STRANGER?

OVER THE CENTURIES OUR KNOWLEDGE GROWS, MAKKARI--BUT SO DOES OUR IGNORANCE. OUR BONDS GROW--BUT SO DO OUR SECRETS. THENA HAS HAD HER SECRETS--AS DO YOU AND I

CHANGE--SECRETS--BAH! YOU JUST DON'T KNOW EVIL WHEN YOU SEE IT!

YOU TRY TO COMPROMISE--MAKE AGREEMENTS WITH DEVILS! YOU TRY TO SEE IT FROM THEIR POINT OF VIEW--

--AND WHAM! THE FIST COMES DOWN! THENA WAS AN IDIOT--AND SO ARE YOU!

IT WAS THENA [redacted] YOU FROM THE GLADITORIAL ARENA, REJECT. IT WAS SHE WHO BROUGHT YOU AMONG US ETERNALS TO LEARN OUR WAYS.

SAVED ME? SO I COULD WATCH YOU POMPOUS MORONS PHILOSOPHIZE [redacted] WALK ALL OVER YOU?

THE ONLY WAY TO DEAL WITH THE DEVIANTS IS TO KILL THEM, BUT YOU'RE LETTING THEM GET AWAY WITH EVERYTHING!

YOU ARE YOUNG, REJECT--AND MUCH OF YOUR SHORT LIFE SPENT IN SLAVERY AND BRUTALITY! YOU REACT LIKE AN ANIMAL REACTS--TO ROARS SCREECHES AND HUGE SWIPES OF THE PAW!

I'VE HAD ENOUGH OF YOUR--POETRY!

THE ANIMAL DOES NOT KNOW POETRY!

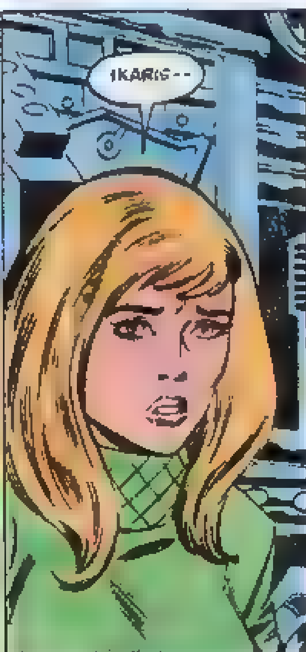
AND THAT IS WHY THE HUMAN KILLS THE ANIMAL! THE SOUND AND MOTION FRIGHTEN--BUT IT IS THE HIDDEN MEANING WHICH KILLS

UNTIL YOU UNDERSTAND, YOU WILL ALWAYS BE THE PREY!

AND OFF TO ONE SIDE THE HUMAN MARGO DAMIAN WATCHES HER LOVER IKARIS. SHE HAS ALWAYS BEEN AWARE OF THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN THEM -- BUT THE DIFFERENCE NOW SEEMS TO BE BETWEEN FLESH AND STONE.

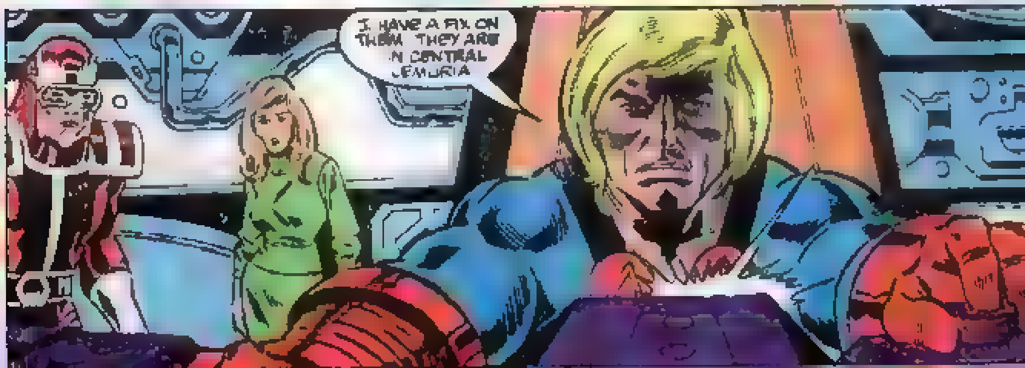
HE HAS SAID NOTHING -- AND HIS FROWN IS SET HARD ENOUGH TO LAST FOR DECADES!

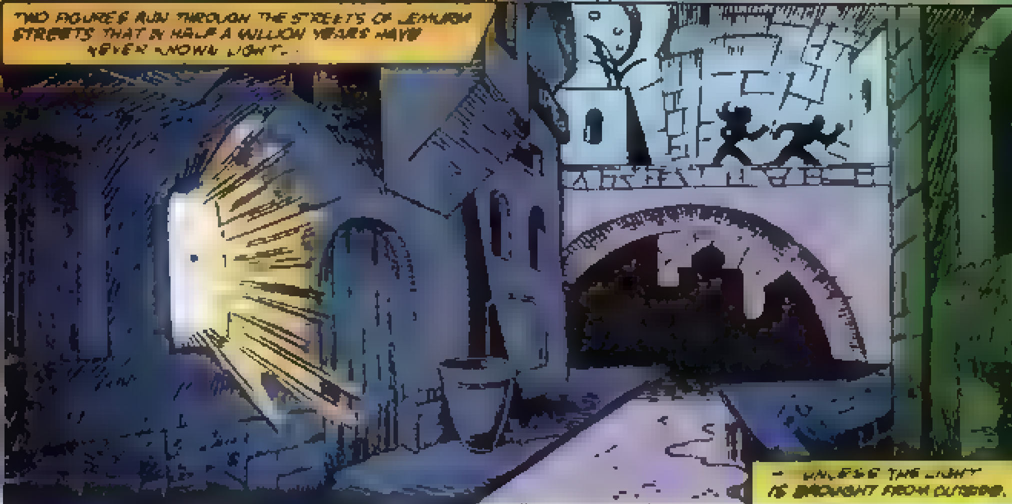
WHAT IS HE THINKING? WHAT CAN HE BE THINKING?

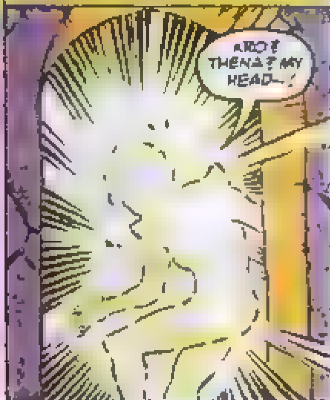









TWO FIGURES RUN THROUGH THE STREETS OF LEMURIA STREETS THAT IN HALF A MILLION YEARS HAVE NEVER KNOWN LIGHT...
-- UNLESS THE LIGHT IS BROUGHT FROM OUTSIDE.


AND NOW IT IS, AS THE ETERNAL KHORYPHOS, TRANSPORTS IN FROM THE ARCTIC PYRAMID OF THE WINDS, FOLLOWING THENA AND KRO.
KRO? THENA? MY HEAD--!


NO -- THEY WOULDN'T BE HERE -- I SHOULD HAVE REMEMBERED --
WHEN YOU JUMP INTO SOMEONE'S TELEPORT FIELD AT THE LAST MOMENT AS I DID--*
* LAST ISSUE --LAST MINUTE MAC.


-- YOU TRAIL THEM BY A BIT IN TIME AND --
--SPACE --?

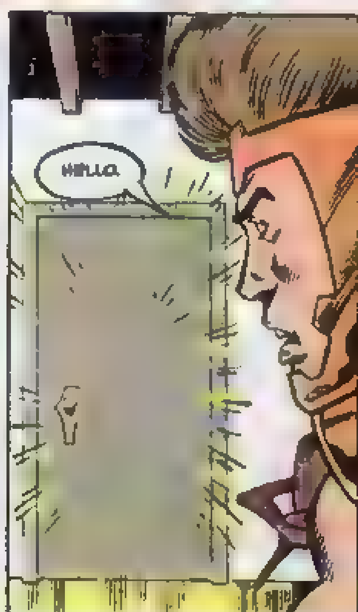

GET AWAY FROM ME--!
A DEVIANT?

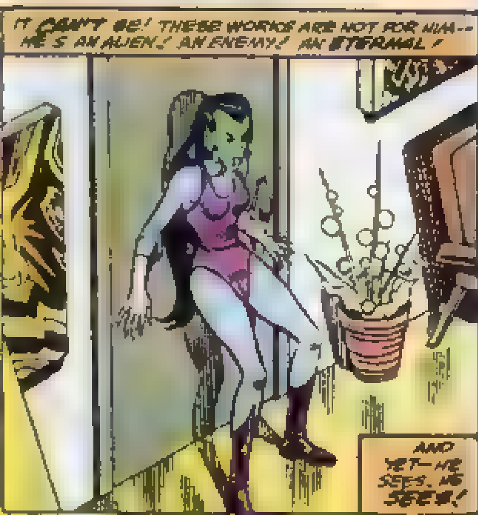

YOU'RE AN ETERNAL! YOU'RE GOING TO KILL ME!
HARDLY. I AM AN ARTIST FIRST. WARRIOR SECOND.
BUT I REALLY SHOULD HAVE EXPECTED THAT KRO WOULD TAKE THENA TO LEMURIA


BUT THIS IS WONDERFUL! I NEVER KNEW YOU DEVIANTS WERE CAPABLE OF THIS!
WHAT--WHAT ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT?


THESE PAINTINGS! THERE IS TECHNIQUE--BUT AN IMMEDIACY AS WELL!
AND THIS ONE--THIS ONE'S SPECIAL!


INSTEAD OF THE SHOUT OF THE HEART OF THE OTHERS, THIS ONE SPEAKS--
SAD--AND YET WONDERFUL! DID YOU--?


HELLO.


IT CAN'T BE! THESE WORKS ARE NOT FOR HIM--HE'S AN ALIEN! AN ENEMY! AN ETERNAL!
AND YET--HE SEES. HE SEES!


NO! I WON'T LET HIM--I WON'T HAVE HIM SEE MY--MY--
AND YRDISIS, THE DEVIANT ARTIST RUNS--RUNS INTO THE BLINDING DARK

THERE ARE MORE UNITS BEING CALLED UP-- I RECOGNIZE THE SIG-NALS-- BUT THIS QUARTER SHOULD BE SAFE FOR A WHILE.

COME ON, THENA WE'VE GOT TO--

WE DON'T HAVE TO DO ANYTHING! I'M TELEPORTING OUT OF HERE! I'M THROUGH PLAYING GAMES WITH YOU, KRO!

THENA, OUR ONLY CHANCE IS TOGETHER. IKARIS AND HIS FRIENDS CONSIDER YOU THE ENEMY NOW! THEY'LL HUNT YOU DOWN!

I'D RATHER TAKE MY CHANCES WITH **THEM** THAN WITH **YOU**! GOOD-**BYE**!

YOU DON'T UNDERSTAND, THENA!

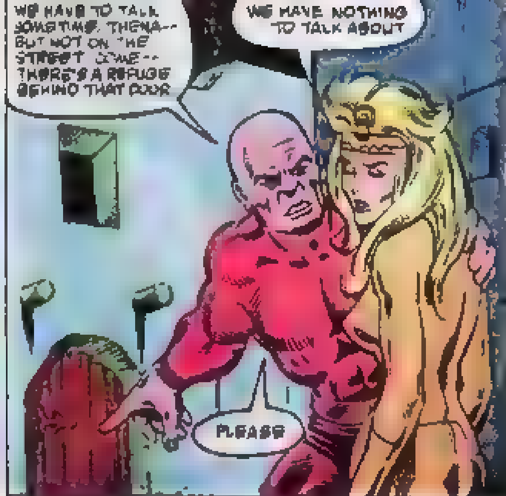
I DON'T KNOW WHAT TRICKS YOU USED TO CONFUSE ME, KRO BUT THEY'RE WORN OFF NOW!

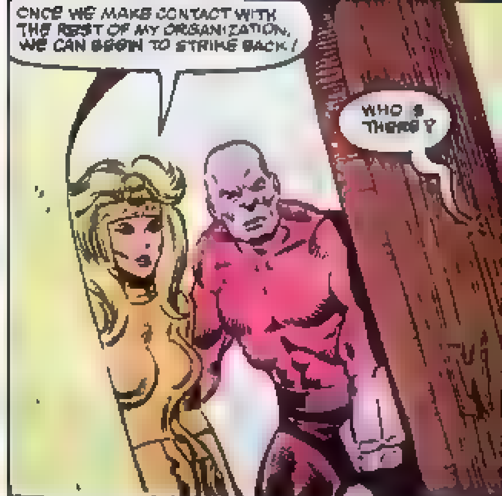
THE ONLY TRICKS INVOLVED HERE ARE **YOUR OWN DELUSIONS**, THENA! I NEVER MADE ANY SECRET THAT I WAS OUT FOR MYSELF, TO BECOME RULER OF THE DEVIANTS AND INCREASE MY POWER!

AND WHEN YOU ETERNALS THWART THE CHANCES FOR THE DEVIANTS TO CRAWL UP OUT OF THEIR CAVES--YOU ARE MY ENEMIES!

BUT THERE ARE THINGS MORE COMPLICATED THAN POWER AT WORK HERE, THENA, AND I NEED YOU WITH ME. NOW I NEED YOU--

DON'T, KRO.

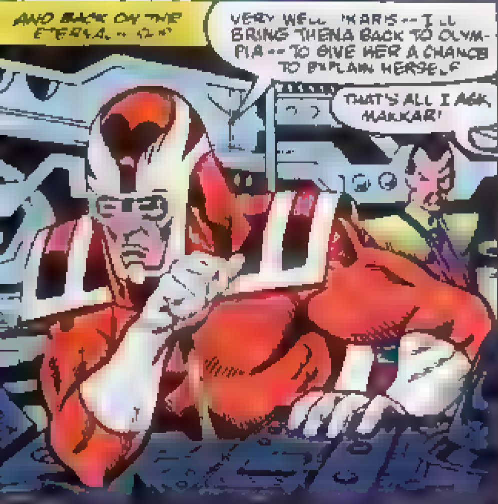


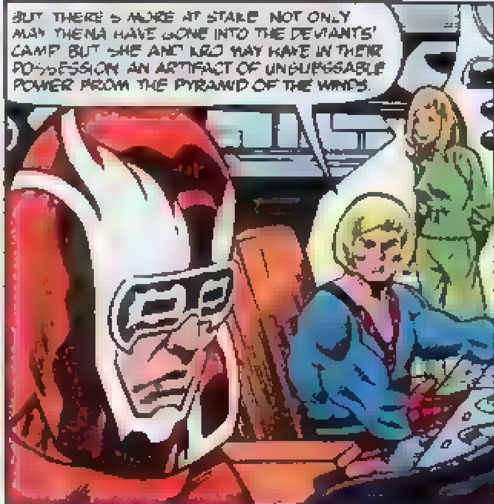


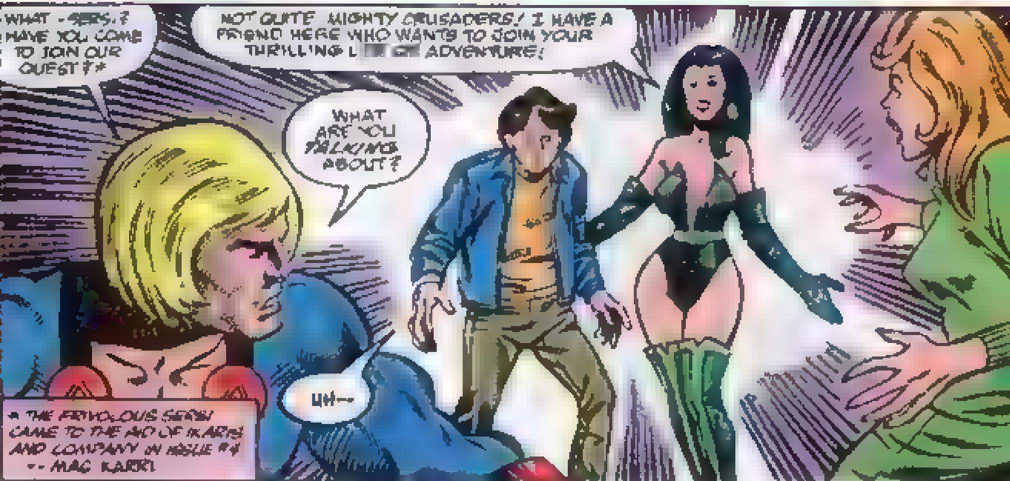


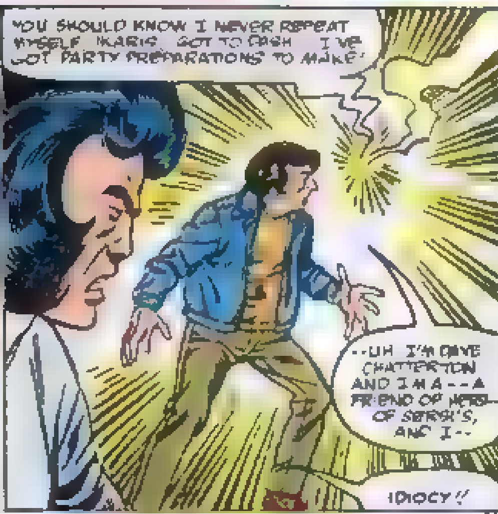
THAT IS TOO BAD.

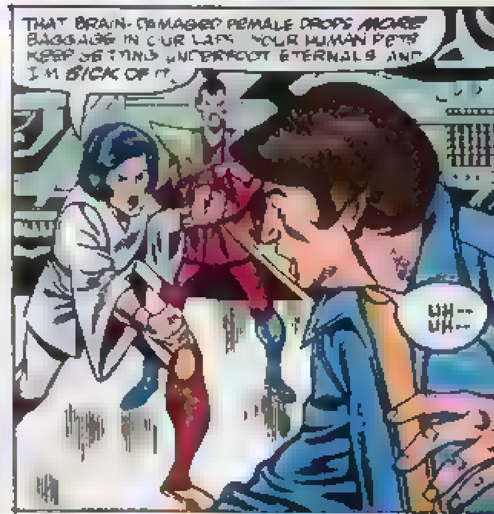
WELCOME, BROTHER KRO! THE PRIESTHOOD SALUTES YOU!


AND BACK ON THE ETERNAL'S SHIP
VERY WELL, IKARIS -- I'LL BRING THENA BACK TO OLYMPIA -- TO GIVE HER A CHANCE TO EXPLAIN HERSELF.
THAT'S ALL I ASK, MAKKARI

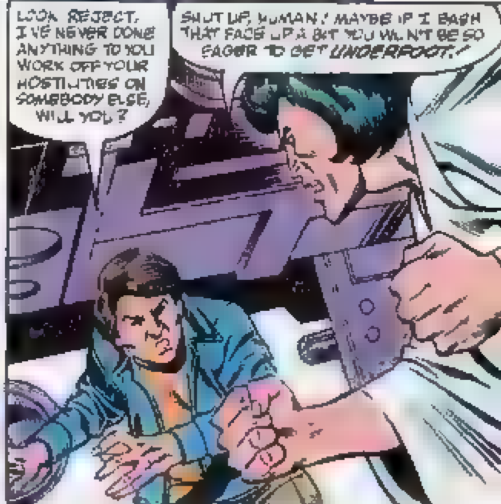

BUT THERE'S MORE AT STAKE. NOT ONLY MAY THENA HAVE GONE INTO THE DEVIANTS' CAMP, BUT SHE AND KRO MAY HAVE IN THEIR POSSESSION AN ARTIFACT OF UNGUESSABLE POWER FROM THE PYRAMID OF THE WINDS.


WHAT -- SERSI?! HAVE YOU COME TO JOIN OUR QUEST?!*
NOT QUITE, MIGHTY CRUSADERS! I HAVE A FRIEND HERE WHO WANTS TO JOIN YOUR THRILLING L ADVENTURE!
WHAT ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT?
UH--
* THE FRIVOLOUS SERSI CAME TO THE AID OF IKARIS AND COMPANY IN ISSUE #4. -- MAC KARKI


YOU SHOULD KNOW I NEVER REPEAT MYSELF, IKARIS. GOT TO DASH. I'VE GOT PARTY PREPARATIONS TO MAKE!
--UH, I'M DAVE CHATTERTON AND I'M A -- A FRIEND OF HERS -- OF SERSI'S, AND I--
IDIOCY!!


THAT BRAIN-DAMAGED FEMALE DROPS MORE BAGGAGE IN OUR LAPS. YOUR HUMAN PETS KEEP GETTING UNDERFOOT, ETERNALS, AND I'M SICK OF IT.
UH-- UH--

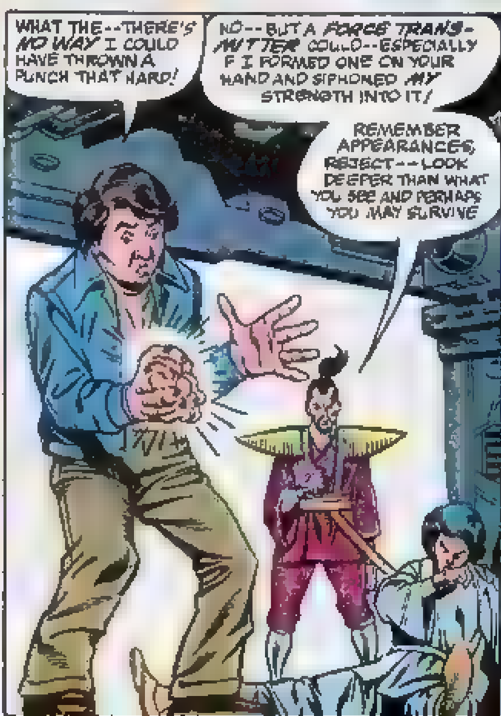

THIS FOR YOUR STUPID SLOPPY WHIMS!
HEY!

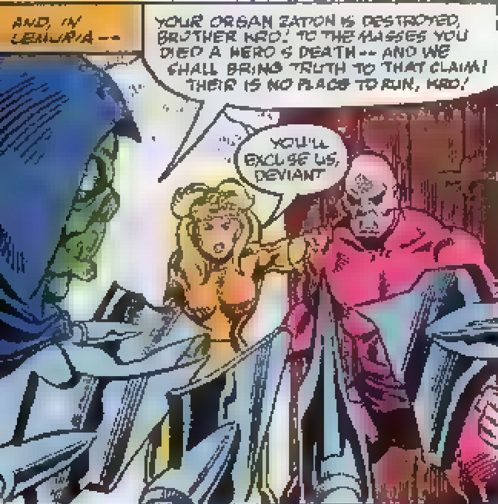

LOOK, REJECT, I'VE NEVER DONE ANYTHING TO YOU. WORK OFF YOUR HOSTILITIES ON SOMEBODY ELSE, WILL YOU?
SHUT UP, HUMAN! MAYBE IF I BASH THAT FACE UP A BIT YOU WON'T BE SO EAGER TO GET UNDERFOOT!


THAT DOES IT! I'VE HAD THAT ARROGANCE FROM GUYS LIKE YOU ALL MY LIFE!
BUT I'M NOT GOING TO TAKE IT FROM SOME CON-STIPATED DEVIANT STUNT-MAN!

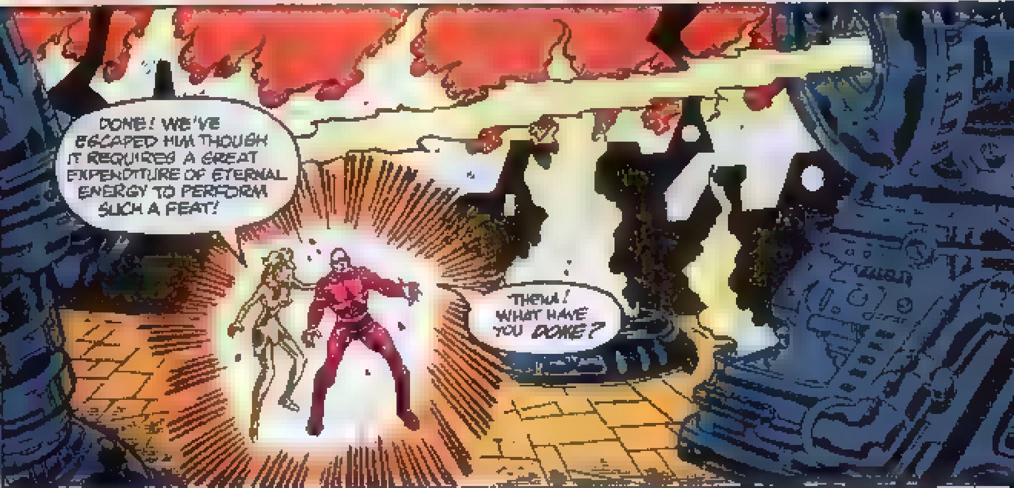

AND I DON'T TAKE LANGUAGE LIKE THAT FROM ANYBODY, FAT BOY!

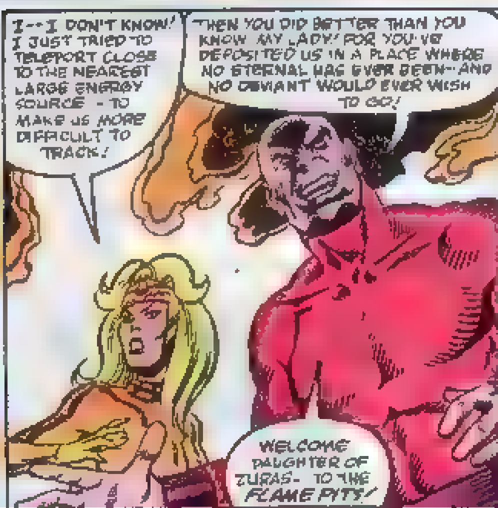

YEAH? THEN TAKE THIS!
DIZH!


WHAT THE--THERE'S NO WAY I COULD HAVE THROWN A PUNCH THAT HARD!
NO--BUT A FORCE TRANS-MITTER COULD--ESPECIALLY IF I FORMED ONE ON YOUR HAND AND SIPHONED MY STRENGTH INTO IT!
REMEMBER APPEARANCES, REJECT--LOOK DEEPER THAN WHAT YOU SEE AND PERHAPS YOU MAY SURVIVE

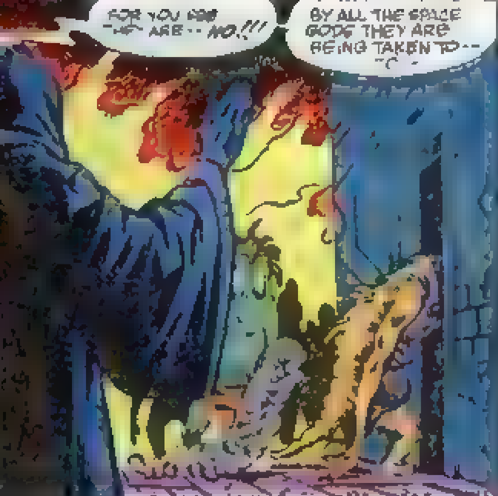

AND, IN LEMURIA --
YOUR ORGANIZATION IS DESTROYED, BROTHER KRO! TO THE MASSES YOU DIED A HERO'S DEATH -- AND WE SHALL BRING TRUTH TO THAT CLAIM! THEIR IS NO PLACE TO RUN, KRO!
YOU'LL EXCUSE US, DEVIANT

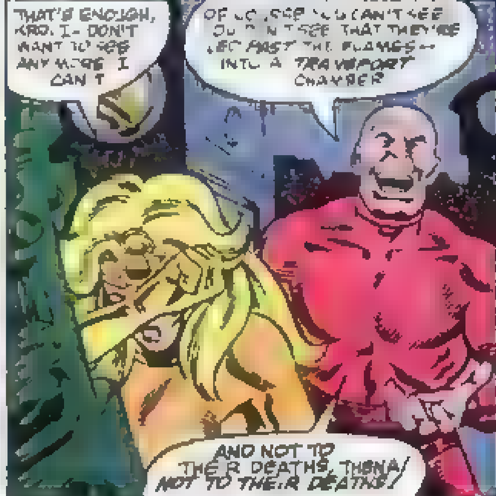

-- IF WE TEST THAT ASSERTION!
NO! ETERNAL SORCERY!


DONE! WE'VE ESCAPED HIM THOUGH IT REQUIRES A GREAT EXPENDITURE OF ETERNAL ENERGY TO PERFORM SUCH A FEAT!
THENA! WHAT HAVE YOU DONE?


I -- I DON'T KNOW! I JUST TRIED TO TELEPORT CLOSE TO THE NEAREST LARGE ENERGY SOURCE - TO MAKE US MORE DIFFICULT TO TRACK!
THEN YOU DID BETTER THAN YOU KNOW, MY LADY! FOR YOU'VE DEPOSITED US IN A PLACE WHERE NO ETERNAL HAS EVER BEEN -- AND NO DEVIANT WOULD EVER WISH TO GO!
WELCOME DAUGHTER OF ZURAS- TO THE FLAME PITS!


EVEN NOW, THOSE DEVIANTS DEEMED TOO MUTATED ARE USHERED TO THEIR DEATHS!
THIS WAY, THENA. YOU SHOULD SEE ALL OF THIS!

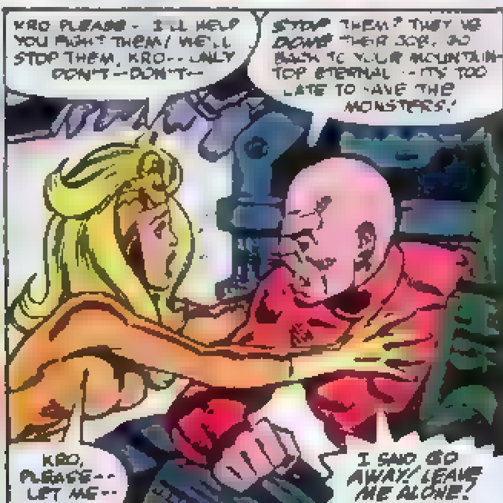

FOR YOU SEE -- ARE -- NO!!!
BY ALL THE SPACE GODS THEY ARE BEING TAKEN TO--

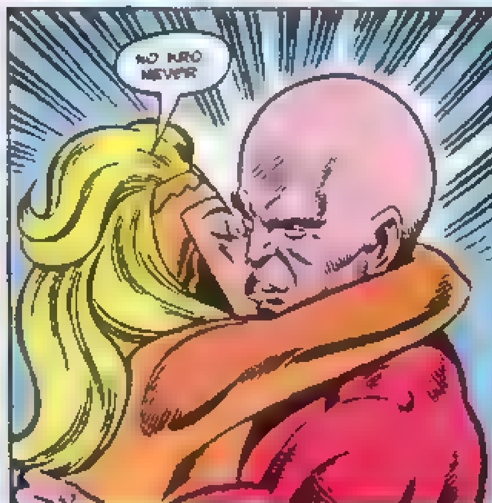

THAT'S ENOUGH, KRO. I-- DON'T WANT TO SEE ANY MORE. I CAN'T
INTO A TRAVEPORT CHAMBER
AND NOT TO THEIR DEATHS, THENA! NOT TO THEIR DEATHS!

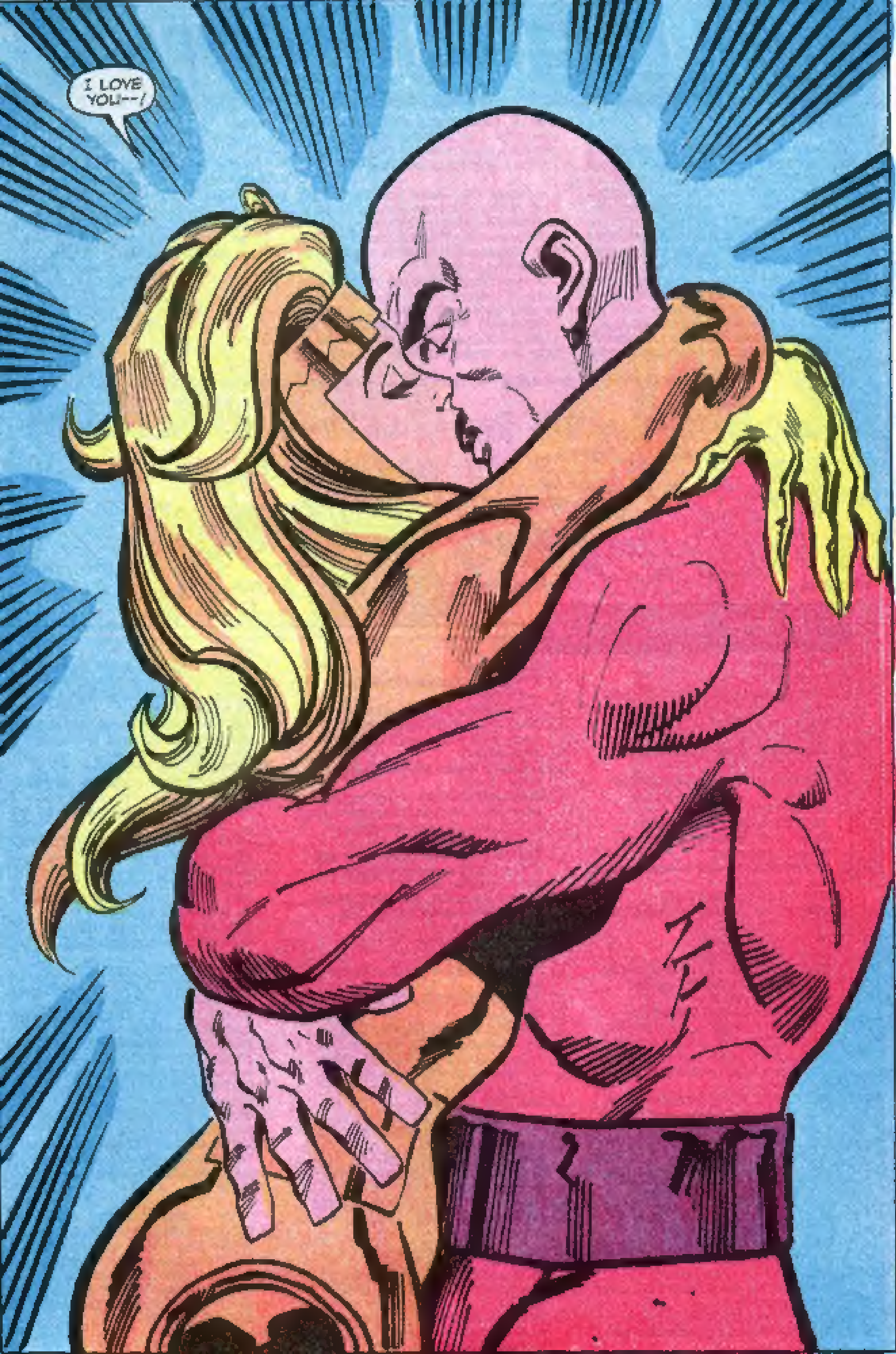

KRO! WHAT ARE YOU DOING? THEY'LL HEAR YOU!
WHAT A JOKE. WHAT AN HORRIBLE JOKE! ALL OUR SORROW -- ALL OUR FEAR FOR OURSELVES. OUR OFFSPRING. THE PAIN OF WE COULD HAVE LOVED AND LIVED WITH--
-- AND IT'S ALL A FAKE! THEY DON'T DIE! THEY DON'T DIE!

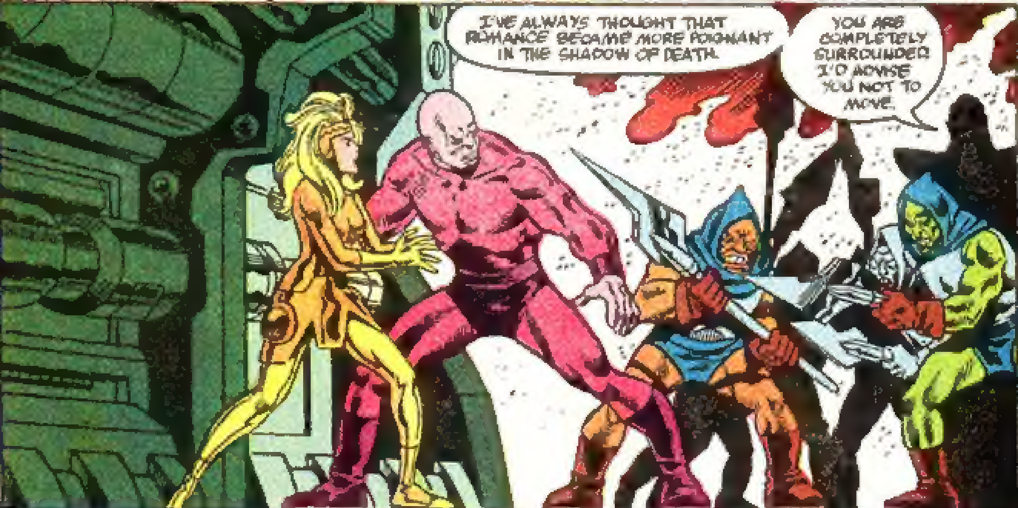
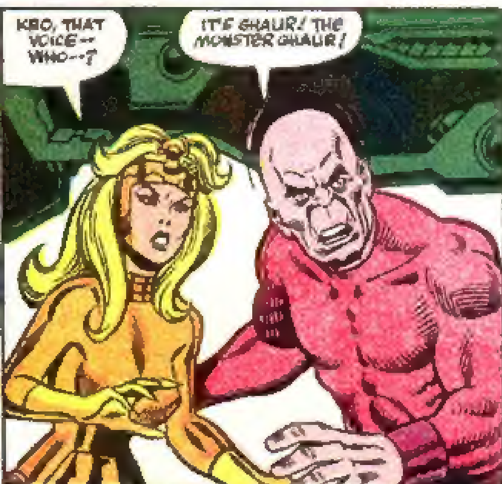

KRO, PLEASE-- CALM DOWN--
CALM! CALM. WHEN WE SACRIFICED LOVE FAMILY. THE PRIDE OF A FATHER OR A MOTHER BECAUSE WE HAD TO WEED OUT THE MONSTERS -- THROW OUR OWN CHILDREN INTO THE
-- AND IT WAS ALL A LIE! A LIE!


THE PRIESTS - A THOUSAND YEARS OF PAIN! THOUSAND BRUTALIZING YEARS THAT OUR SPIRITS DOWN, HARDENED OUR HEARTS-- MADE US--
--MONSTERS--!
KRO!


KRO PLEASE - I'LL HELP YOU FIGHT THEM! WE'LL STOP THEM, KRO-- ONLY DON'T -- DON'T--
STOP THEM? THEY'VE DONE THEIR JOB. GO BACK TO YOUR MOUNTAINTOP ETERNAL -- IT'S TOO LATE TO SAVE THE MONSTERS!
KRO, PLEASE-- LET ME--
I SAID GO AWAY! LEAVE ME ALONE!


NO KRO NEVER


I LOVE YOU--!


I'VE ALWAYS THOUGHT THAT ROMANCE BECAME MORE POIGNANT IN THE SHADOW OF DEATH.
YOU ARE COMPLETELY SURROUNDED. I'D ADVISE YOU NOT TO MOVE.

KRO, THAT VOICE-- WHO--?
IT'S GHAUR! THE MONSTER GHAUR!

YOU'VE SEEN THEN HOW OUR CHOSEN ONES BYPASS THE FLAME PITS, I TAKE IT. YOU CAN BE EXCUSED A BIT OF AGITATION THEN. HOWEVER, THIS PLOT HAS BEEN GOING ON A VERY LONG TIME -- AGES BEFORE MY BIRTH.
TO DEMONSTRATE: TRY TO TELEPORT AWAY FROM HERE, LADY THENA. GO AHEAD: I WILL NOT INTERFERE.

THERE'S NOTHING! I CAN'T MOVE FROM HERE!
THAT IS BECAUSE THIS CHAMBER IS SHIELDED AS NO OTHER IS ON EARTH! IT WAS BUILT BY THE PRIESTHOOD BEFORE THE COMING OF THE SECOND HOST OF THE SPACE GODS-- BEFORE LEMURIA WAS SUNK BY THEM BENEATH THE SEA!
TO GET IN IS SIMPLE -- BUT NO ONE SAVE A PRIEST EVER GETS OUT.
THEN THIS WILL BE YOUR TOMB AS WELL, MONSTER!

THAT MAY BE -- SO IT WAS FOR MY LONG LINE OF PREDECESSORS, BUT NOW THAT THE VAST MAJORITY OF ETERNALS HAVE LEFT THIS PLANET FOR SPACE -- AND THANKS TO YOUR OWN VALIANT EFFORTS, BROTHER KRO -- I MAY BE THE FIRST PRIEST-LORD TO SEE THE DEVIANTS BECOME THE DOMINANT RACE ON EARTH!
YOU'RE MAD!

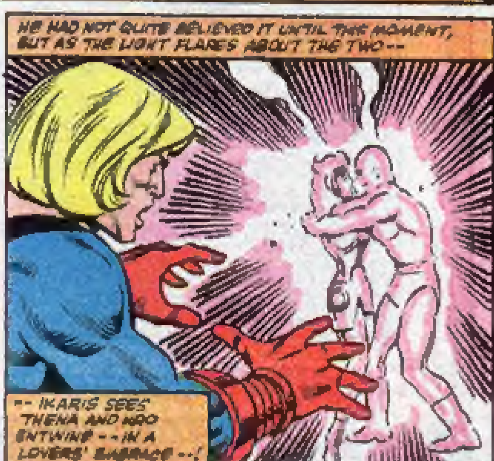

ALL YOU'LL DO IS DESTROY OUR RACE, GHAUR! ATTEMPTING TO RULE THE WORLD AS WE DID SO MANY MILLENIA AGO WILL DO ONE THING ALONE--
--NAMELY BRING THE WRATH OF THE CELESTIALS DOWN ON US AGAIN! AND THIS TIME THERE WILL BE NOTHING LEFT!
PERHAPS--BUT YOU NEVER ENTERTAINED THE POSSIBILITY, DID YOU, THAT THE CELESTIALS MIGHT BE--
--REPLACED--!

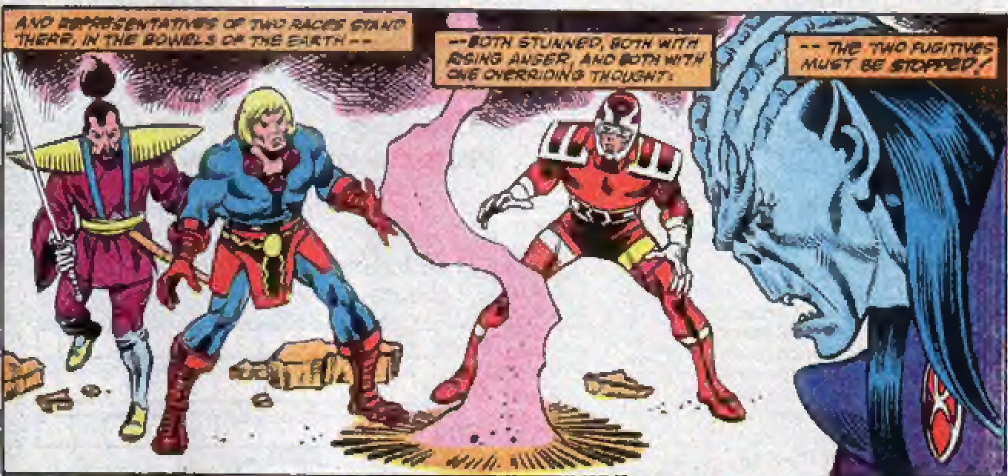

BUT YOU'RE JUST ABOUT TO SEE WHAT I'M TALKING ABOUT FIRST HAND. SO WHY--
WHAT IS THAT?

WE HAVE COME FOR THE TRAITOR, DEVIANTS!
KWHOOM!









NEXT ISSUE: LOTS OF STUFF-- BUT ALL WE REALLY NEED TO TELL YOU IS--IT'S... Party Time!